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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

Lewis T. Williams

Serial No.: 08/719,742

Group Art Unit: 1812

Filing Date: September 25, 1996

Examiner: Lazar-Wesley

Title: COMBINATION PDGF, KGF, IGF, AND IGFBP FOR WOUND
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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated June 10, 1997.

The Examiner therein required election of one of the following groups of claims:

Group I, claims 1-15, 23, 25-44 and 49-51, drawn to a pharmaceutical composition containing PDGF, KGF, IGF, IGFBP, a method of repairing epithelial tissues, and a kit; and

Group II, claims 16-22, 24 and 45-48, drawn to methods of repairing epithelial cell damage with DNA encoding PDGF, KGF, IGF and a kit.

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the claims of Group I, claims 1-15, 23, 25-44 and 49-51, without traverse. Applicants expressly reserve their right under 35 USC §121 to file a divisional application directed to the nonelected subject matter during the pendency of this application.

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